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Remarks Accompanying the
Complete Application for Publication

Submitted herewith is a Complete Application for Publication which includes (1) amendments to the original parent specification and drawings described within these remarks and (2) a complete set of claims, in accordance with CFR § 1.215(c).

In the drawings, Figures 1-2, 4-13, 16-18, 20-23, 25-27, 29-31, 33, 35-44, 47-64, 66-68, 70-81, and 83-86 have been amended as indicated in the attached redline drawings. A complete copy of the formal drawings (incorporating the redline amendments) is attached to the Complete Application for Publication.

The amendments shown herein in the marked-up specification are provided for the examiner's convenience, to document exactly which portions

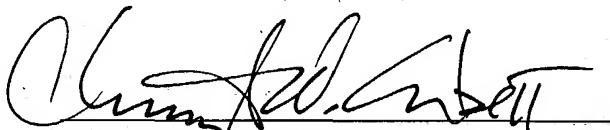
of the Complete Application for Publication contain amended language. No new matter has been introduced via the amendments made to the drawings or to the specification.

The claims pending herein are similar to claims allowed in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 10/278,690, except in the present claims the upper end of the tubular sleeve is defined as having a non-linear edge (claims 1-8) or closed lower end is defined as having a "horizontally-sealed portion" rather than a "horizontal bottom" (claims 9-18), for example as shown in Figure 1.

Conclusion

Applicant hereby respectfully requests an examination on the merits.

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